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## Guide to Scientology

### Religion: Church of Scientology attempts damage control with new ad... Haggis feels personal blow from attack on Scientology...

February 12th, 2011

After taking a recent beating in the press the Church of Scientology is engaged in damage control. Trying to polish its tarnished image, the religion developed by L Ron Hubbard is giving a big push to a television commercial extolling the supposed virtues of Scientology. The church is reeling from a recent profile of former member [...]

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### Terry Gross at NPR's "Fresh Air" blows them away: The Church Of Scientology, Fact-Checked...

February 12th, 2011

Feb 8th, 2011 <http://www.npr.org/>  
Lawrence Wright's cover story in the current edition of The New Yorker reports on the Church of Scientology and focuses on why screenwriter and director Paul Haggis resigned from the organization in 2009 after spending nearly 35 years with it. Haggis, who directed Crash and wrote the screenplay for Million Dollar Baby, spoke [...]

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### Rolling Stone's web version of "Inside Scientology" republished...

February 9th, 2011

Rolling Stone has republished the web version of 'Inside Scientology' — its in-depth article on the Scientology cult, first published in 2006.

It is the most controversial religion in America, and the most mysterious. Its followers believe they're on a mission to save the universe — but detractors call it a cult. [...]

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### FBI investigating Scientology, defectors say...

February 9th, 2011

special thanks to our friends at ReligionNewsBlog.com and ApologeticsIndex.org

Matt Lauer of the Today Show interviews Lawrence Wright about human rights allegations by the Church of Scientology, including human trafficking and physical abuse by Church leader David Miscavige:



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Dear FACTNet Community and Online Guests,

This email is a little unusual in that we regularly send only the newsletters out; however, with the current situation and challenges we felt it necessary to provide you with information and an opportunity to join us in solving our current challenge.

Here is the situation, the costs of implementing the new discussion board software and the new home page blog upgrades have run considerably higher than originally anticipated and frankly we're financially in a temporary tight spot. As a result, our current bank balance is about one-third of what it should be and by the time we implement all the security that is needed for these new upgrades our cost will be about three times what we originally anticipated for these vital security and service expansion projects.

We invite your generous help and support to remain financially viable and to continue to deliver the free survivor resources, healing, and support that so many rely on. We sincerely thank all those that have donated in our 2007 website upgrade fund raising drives —including a recent anonymous donor that sent a large donation to support our upgraded [vital mission](#).

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FBI agents investigating human trafficking have interviewed several high-ranking defectors from the Church of Scientology who spoke out to [...]

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### Beware the "Main Street Bubble" of Multi-Level Marketing groups without U.S. Government Protection

February 4th, 2011

Consumers, beware! Guard your minds and your wallets carefully.

Quixtar, a former subsidiary of Amway, one of the largest multi-level marketing (MLM) companies in the world, has agreed to a \$150 million class action settlement. The settlement points out the serious risks that face consumers who fall for the well-worn pitch that MLM "business opportunities" [...]

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### Parents get 10 years' probation in child's faith-healing death...

February 3rd, 2011

Herbert and Catherine Schaible, the Rhawnhurst couple who practiced faith-healing as their 2-year-old son died of bacterial pneumonia, will not be going to prison.

They will, however, be taking their seven surviving children to a doctor from now on.

Although the Schaibles, convicted in December of involuntary manslaughter, will have to commit what their church considers a [...]

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### A glimpse of a "Doomsday Cult"... Wayne Bent and "Strong City"

February 3rd, 2011

The documentary shown below was broadcast on Dec. 12, 2007, by British TV station Channel 4. It deals with the Lord Our Righteousness Church — a small church that theologically is a cult of Christianity. Sociologically the group has cult-like elements as well.

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Cult Members say Leaders betrayed them... Bent [...]

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### Welcome to Vol. 12, No. 1 January/February 2011 edition of the reFOCUS Forum: An Internet Newsletter for Recovery

February 1st, 2011

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- American Apocalypse by Robert Jay Lifton

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- Lawrence Wollersheim co-founder of Factnet, former cult member. Was paid a total of 9.2 plus million dollars in court judgments by the Scientology cult. To learn more [click here](#).



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### **Recently exited “Cult Members” ...Tell your story ...help others. MSNBC needs your help!**

January 29th, 2011

FACTNet Editor note: I received this email asking if I could help in the search for willing ex-members who would like to tell their story for a upcoming documentary on MSNBC. I have checked out the credentials of the private company that is making this documentary of MSNBC and they are on the up and [...]

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### **Bountiful a ‘cult,’ says polygamous leader’s brother ...**

January 21st, 2011

The isolated polygamous commune of Bountiful, B.C., is a “cult” where religion is used to control residents and take away their rights, says the brother of one the community’s leaders.

Truman Oler, whose brother James leads one of two divided factions within Bountiful, left the fundamentalist Mormon community in southeastern B.C. several years ago and has [...]

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Lawrence Wollersheim urges Scientology victims to seek justice. Click [here](#) to watch video.

### **New Books**

🍷 **Out of the Cocoon: A Young Woman’s Courageous Flight from the Grip of a Religious Cult** - by Brenda Lee.



“...a heart-wrenching yet inspirational tale about a pre-teen’s battle to free herself from dysfunction. Take the journey with her as she survives stifling oppression, physical and emotional abuse and the ultimate - shunning by her family. See how, like a butterfly, she changes the world within her as her external world becomes increasingly unyielding. Discover more about your own past through her introspective, yet frequently humorous flight from insanity.”

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